

### **REMARKS**

Claims 13-27 are now pending in the application. The newly added claims contained herein are intended to broaden the scope of the present application and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by McDonald (U.S. Pat. No. 4,275,830). Claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Binns (U.S. Pat. No. 4,014,572). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

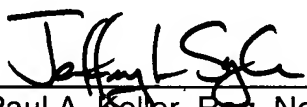
At the outset, Applicants wish to note that by way of the present Amendment, Claims 1-7 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicants respectfully submit, in connection with new Claims 18-27, that McDonald and Binns, either singly or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the claimed invention. The newly added Claims 18-27 set forth claim limitations similar to allowed Claims 13-17 and/or recite claim limitations suggested by the Examiner. However, it should be noted that these limitations are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims relative to those originally presented. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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